

## **How to Keep your Dog Safe While Driving**

Yes, many dogs love to go for car rides. Many of them also like to ride with their heads out the window, noses in the wind, ears flapping. And although for some dogs this experience appears to be nothing short of “doggy heaven,” as dog guardians, it is our responsibility to keep our dogs safe even if they don’t seem to appreciate it at the time.

Dogs who ride in cars with their heads out the window are at risk of getting bugs, tiny pebbles, and other items in their eyes, ears, and mouths. And depending on the rate of speed you (or the “foreign object”) happen to be traveling, your dog can be seriously injured. It is much safer for your dog to be secured in a canine seatbelt in the backseat. And if your dog truly enjoys the smell of the open road as you drive, leave a window open just a bit. With the strength of their noses, a slight breeze should be all they need.

No riding on the driver’s lap, either (dangerous for both of you)!

If your dog is nervous or uncomfortable when the time comes to go for a car ride, the above video may help you help him to overcome his fears.